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Shri Jagtar Singh,

(98152 89033)

S/o Shri Sampooran Singh, R/o Village Narain, Post Office Bagrana, Block Khera, District Fatehgarh Sahib.

....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer.** 

**O/o** Block Development & Panchayat Officer, Block Khera, District Fatehgarh Sahib.

First Appellate Authority,

**O/o** District Development & Panchayat Officer, Fatehgarh Sahib.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2445 OF 2022 (Cisco Webex Proceedings)

**PRESENT:** Shri Jagtar Singh, Appellant (On Telephone)

None on behalf of the Respondents.

**ORDER (FIRST HEARING):** 

The RTI application is dated 14.02.2022 vide which the Appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 24.03.2022 and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 18.05.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act) and Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 02.11.2022.

- 2. The Appellant telephonically intimated to the Bench that information sought has not been provided to him by the PIO till date.
- 3. The PIO is absent for today's hearing, inspite of the Notice/Orders of the Commission. This shows his disregard to the Commission. The absence of the PIO is viewed seriously and it has also affected hearing and disposal of the case.

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4. In view of the above, the PIO is directed to provide the complete information to the appellant, if any, before the next date of hearing and should present this case personally through Cisco Webex. In case information sought by the appellant is not available in the official records, then PIO is directed to file an **Affidavit/Undertaking** in this regard and produce the same before the Bench, on the next date of hearing, failing which action will be initiated against the PIO as per provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

5. The matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 30.01.2023 at 11:00 AM through CISCO WEBEX MEETING ID No. 158 188 4645. Both the parties are directed to present their case accordingly.

Chandigarh 02.11.2022 Sd/(Maninder Singh Patti)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab